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Boundless good news

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GOOD NEWS WITH NO BOUNDARIES
Lesson for April 10, 1983
Bible Study Passage: Acts 11:3-18
INTRODUCTION

Boundary lines and laws have their place in human life. Property lines determine rightful ownership among neighbors. Certain boundary lines act as dividers between townships, counties, and states. Some signs discourage trespassing on another's property and road signs advise against breaking certain laws. Boundaries are essential for the protection of privacy and rights of individuals.

There are boundary lines in human relationships as well. Our forefathers who framed the Constitution and Bill of Rights sought to define and protect our basic freedoms and rights. The Old Testament Ten Commandments define the boundaries of our relationship to God and to our fellow human beings.

The marriage covenant contains explicit and implicit boundary lines in order for two individuals to achieve intimacy. Some see marriage as a prison that keeps them from doing their own thing. Others have come to appreciate the "fences" in marriage which keep and protect the good things of an intimate relationship.

This week's lesson takes a look at how the "Good News" of the Gospel exceeded boundaries of race and class in order to embrace all people. The Christian life has boundaries, yes, but the proclamation of the Gospel can have no limits.

Racial Prejudice [Acts 11 1-10]

The Apostle Peter faced opposition from those who felt he was overstepping his boundaries by eating with the uncircumcised. Some Jewish Christians believed that membership in the church must include the rite of circumcision. Of course, Peter was not the only one to be criticized for his eating with "sinners." Jesus was often criticized for his association with sinners.

The vision that Peter had taught him a valuable lesson, namely, that he was in no position to pick and choose recipients of the Gospel message. The fact that Peter was willing to stay in the home of a tanner (a profession outside Jewish respectability) indicated his pre-judiced stance was softening.

Peter's dream came at a moment of intense hunger. In his dream he is offered unacceptable foods according to Jewish standards. Peter declines the invitation to eat "unclean" food, but in his dream the Lord rebukes him saying, "What God has cleansed, you are not to call unclean."

A Gospel For All Ages [Acts 11:11-16]

The ultimate test came when Peter was asked to visit in the home of a Gentile. Following his dream, Peter encounters three men who bade him to come to Caesarea. There he meets with Cornelius and learns of the angelic visitor who instructed him to send for Simon Peter.

The result of the meeting between Peter and Cornelius is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It was then that Peter surely recalled Jesus' words, "John did indeed baptize with water, but you will be baptized with the Spirit."

God's Good Grace [Acts 11:17-18]

God's grace knows no boundaries. There are no people or places where God's grace is exempt. God grants his grace to all who believe and receive.

Prejudice is a powerful and destructive sin in our world. The barriers that are erected by prejudice produce lifelong strife and hostility. Prejudice is the lack of knowledge of another person(s) that keeps us at odds and at a distance. We tend to keep at a distance those we do not know. By putting some people or groups in "their place" we undermine Christ's ministry of reconciliation.

Our prejudiced assumptions often keeps us from knowing someone and their knowing us. We can be a blessing if we invest time and energy in getting to know people as persons. Jesus always sought in his ministry to bridge the gaps created by prejudice. By his own example he sought to love people, not to distance himself from them with prejudice.

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Easter Tree

AN EASTER TREE . . . Mrs. Evelyn Roach of Dogwood Street decided it would be a good idea to have an Easter Tree and she decorated a red bud tree growing on her front lawn with Easter eggs, flowers, and a big, pink Easter Bunny. "People celebrate the birth of Christ by decorating Christmas trees," said Mrs. Roach. "Why not an Easter Tree to celebrate the real meaning of Easter, The Resurrection of Christ Most of the time people think of Easter as a time to show off their new clothing. I think an Easter tree helps celebrate the real meaning of the Easter season." (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Program planned

The Spring Creek Baptist Church at Darlington Heights will host a performance of "Beginning Again", a musical about the life of the Apostle Paul.

Presented by the Youth Choir of Beulah Baptist Church, Lynchburg, the musical will be held on April 10 at 7:30 at Spring Creek Baptist Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Promise Land

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." (Ps. 41:1)

A very appreciative crowd attended Holy Week Service this past week at Galilee and Promise Land Baptist Churches. We would like to thank all who helped to make it a successful week of praising the Lord.

We invite each and everyone to regular preaching services Sunday at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at 10 a.m. "Don't watch us grow, come and grow with us."

Let us remember the sick and shut-in of the community.

Deaths

Elester Caksel Cawthorn, Sr.

Elester Caksel Cawthorn, Sr., of Evergreen, departed this life in Lynchburg General Hospital Tuesday, March 29, 1983, after an extended illness. He was the husband of Della Scruggs Cawthorn.

He was born in Tuggle, a son of the late Sidney and Laura Jones Cawthorn. He was a member of Morningstar Baptist Church of Evergreen, a veteran of World War II, and an employee of Babcock & Wilcox.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a devoted son and daughter-in-law, Elester Jr. and Sandra F. Cawthorn of Landover, Md.; one devoted foster brother, George Abbitt, Washington, D.C.; three devoted foster sisters, Mrs. Annie Wheeler, Evergreen, Mrs. Harriett A. Scott and Miss Dorethea Abbitt, both of Washington, D.C.; seven devoted sisters-in-law, six brothers-in-law; two devoted nieces, Mrs. Doris Morris, Lynchburg and Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa., and a host of other relatives and friends.

West Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

Hope Conway Christian

Hope Conway Christian, 82, of Route 1, Gladstone, died Sunday morning, April 3, in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

He was a member of St. James United Methodist Church and a retired car inspector for the C&O Railroad. His wife was the late Ossie Leete Christian. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He is survived by a son, Hope Conway Christian Jr., and a sister, Miss Nellie Christian, both of Richmond, and a grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. from Driskill Funeral Chapel in Amherst with interment in Amherst Cemetery.

Driskill Funeral Chapel, Amherst was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Dorothy Lee Flick

Mrs. Dorothy Lee Flick, 64, of Wedgewood Place, Madison Heights, died Saturday evening, April 2, 1983, at her home.

Her husband was the late George Duer Flick. Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Albert Henry Lee and Mary Alma Godsey Lee.

She is survived by four brothers, Richard E. Lee, Alonza S. Lee and Lawrence L. Lee, all of Madison Heights, and William N. Lee, Bedford; and two sisters, Mrs. Eunice C. Brueggemann, Madison Heights, and Mrs. Ruth Pietzke of Chicago, Ill.

A private funeral service for the family was conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Whitten Park Avenue Chapel, Lynchburg.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Dobrinick Funeral Home in Trafford, Pa. Burial was in Allegheny County Memorial Park in Allegheny County, Pa.

Emmitt James Garrison

Emmitt James Garrison, 73, of Route 1, Phenix, and formerly of Lynchburg, died at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 3, 1983, at his home. His wife was the late Sallie Keesee Garrison.

Born in Cullen, he was a son of the late James W. Garrison and Ellie Baldwin Garrison. He was a retired employee of the City of Lynchburg, an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Rough Creek Presbyterian Church in Phenix.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Marion G. Walker and Mrs. Allie G. Garrett, both of Phenix, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Whitten Park Avenue Chapel by the Rev. Randy Bridges. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Frank H. Gowin

Frank H. Gowin, 81, of Route 3, Dillwyn, died March 31, 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby C. Gowin; one daughter, Hazel G. Sprouse, Dillwyn; two sons, Bobbie Gowin, Norfolk, and Russell Gowin, Buckingham; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Dunkum Funeral Home, Dillwyn, with interment in the family cemetery.

Dunkum Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. George A. Harris Jr.

Charlotte Court House - The Rev. George A. Harris Jr., 72, died Friday, April 1, 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Boswell Harris; two sons, Forrest Harris, Charlotte Court House, and Lewis P. Harris, Ivor; a daughter-in-law, Peggy D. Harris, Ivor; two grandsons, Lewis Jr. and Marion; one sister, Gladys H. Poindexter, Winston-Salem, N.C., and a number of nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Harris was a Baptist minister and served various churches in Virginia for 46 years.He was a charter member and one of the founders of the Charlotte County Rescue Squad, worked with the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia for 25, years, and was a member of the Peidmont Mental Health Board and St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 144, AF&AM.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday in the Browning Funeral Home, Keysville, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Charlotte Court House.

Browning Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Vincent Joseph Lusardi

Vincent Joseph Lusardi, 66, of Earl Street, Brookneal, died Thursday nigth, March 31.

He was born Nov. 30, 1916, in Cranford, N.J., a son of the late Herman J. Lusardi and Deza Lusardi. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Brookneal and a veteran of World War II. He graduated from William and Mary College and was the present mayor of the town of Brookneal, chairman of the board of the Brookneal Central Fidelity Bank, and member of the board of Central Fidelity Bank. He was a retired Chevrolet dealer.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Moses Lusardi; one son, Vincent Joseph Lusardi Jr., Lynchburg; three daughters, Jean Carolyn Lusardi, Fredericksburg, and Mrs. Gary Colbert and Mrs. Ronald Cox, both of Brookneal; one brother, Albert J. Lusardi, Garwood, N.J.; one sister, Mrs. Harry L. Carhart, Hudson, N.Y., and four grandchildren.

Funeral servics were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Brookneal by the Revs. Robert Ruth and Thomas Lee. Burial was in the Wickcliffe Cemetery.

Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Letha M. Plunkett

Mrs. Letha Mae Plunkett, 84, of 4913 Kanawha Ave., S.E., died Sunday at her home after a short illness.

She was the widow of the late Hubbard Plunkett, formerly of Appomatox.

She was a native of Carter County, Ky., and was a longtime resident of Charleston and a member of Christ Church United Methodist.

Surviving: sons, Col. Hubbard Thomas Plunkett Jr. of Buena Vista, Va., John Richard Plunkett of Cincinnati, Ohio, daughters: Mrs. Glenna Neely of Madison, Dr. Jean P. Cavender of Charleston; sister, Mrs. Mary Morris of Fairmont; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by two nephews, Clifford Plunkett and Garland Plunkett of Appomattox.

A service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at J. E. Johnson Funeral Home, Kanawha City, with the Rev. J.B.F. Yoke, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Wesley Thomas Seay

Wesley Thomas Seay, 73, of Route 1, died early Monday, April 4, at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Prince Edward County, he was a son of the late Joseph Albert Seay and Nannie Cumby Seay. He was a retired employee of International Harvester Corp. He was twice married. His first wife was the late Burnice Virginia Seay.

He is survived by his wife, Nannie Baldwin Seay; two daughters, Nancy Jacobs of Jacksonville, Fla., and Shirley Gangi of Dallas, Texas; two stepsons, Charles W. Baldwin and David Bradley Baldwin, both of Pamplin; three stepdaughters, Doris Weatherholts of Ohio, Edith Doss of Appomattox and Peggy Atkins of Pamplin; one brother, Royal Seay of Williamsburg; 27 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, with burial at 3 p.m. in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Richmond.

Mrs. Irene Gills Pearcy

Mrs. Irene Gills Pearcy, widow of Allen B. Pearcy, died Sunday, April 3 in a Bucks County Hospital, Bristol, Pa., after a brief illness.

She was a native of Marion, Va., the daughter of Henry Pitzer and Marcy G. Gills.

She was an active member of the Nature Society of Levittown, Pa., and a member of the Marion Baptist Church. She was educated at Marion Junior College and was a graduate of Emory and Henry College. She taught in Smith County schools for many years.

Survivors include a twin sister, Mrs. B. Seibert Simpkins of Christiansburg, Va.; a nephew, Richard H. Gills, Roanoke; a niece, Mrs. Cynthia Gills Rose of Charleston, W. Va.; four aunts, Mrs. Ernest Smith and Mrs. William H. Copenhaber of Marion; Mrs. J.A. Conner of Halifax, and Mrs. R. B Frazier of Kenbridge; and one

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Lively, Witt are married

Mrs. Ronald Wayne Witt

The marriage of Karen Eve Lively to Ronald Wayne Witt took place on Saturday, April 2, 1983, at 7 p.m. in Fairview Christian Church, in Lynchburg, with Dr. Willie Davis, pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lively, of Route 1, Concord. The bridegroom is the son of Jack Witt, of Bedford, and the late Gloria Witt.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

Miss Marcella Lively, of Charlottesville, was her sister's maid of honor. Attendants were Miss Teresa Lively, of Charlottesville, sister of the bride; Miss Judy Zimmerman, of Farmville, cousin of the bride; Miss Taffy Dick, of Bedford; Miss Vickie Almond and Mrs. Alfred Krantz III, both of Lynchburg. Tabatha Brown, of Beckley, W. Va., cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Jack Witt was best man for his son. Ushers were Donnie Craighead, Jr. of Bedford; Bruce Lindeman, of Brentwood, N.Y.; Brian Peters, of Lynchburg; Timmy Krantz, of Huddleston; and Jackie Witt, brother of the bridegroom. Sammy Jo Brown, of Beckley, W. Va., cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital's School of Professional Nursing.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Liberty High School and is a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

The couple will live in Havelock, N.C., where the bridegroom is presently stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point.

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Miss Sherry Lynn Roope

Miss Roope to marry

Mr. and Mrs. William Dean Roope of Concord are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sherry Lynn roope to Mr. Lewis Leon Paulk, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Leon Paulk, Sr., of Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Roope is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Kay's Flower Creations.

Mr. Paulk is a graduate of Northside Christian Academy and is employed by CPP Security.

The wedding will be an event of May 28.

Bollinger, Harvey are wed

Mrs. Ronald Lee Harvey (Photo by Allen Austin)

The marriage of Miss Robin Lynell Bollinger to Mr. Ronald Lee Harvey was an event of Saturday, April 2, at seven o'clock in the evening in the Evergreen United Methodist Church in Evergreen.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Norman Bollinger of Evergreen and Mr. and Mrs. James Herman of Pell City, Alabama. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Harvey of Evergreen.

The Revs. Clarence and Sallye Bowen, pastors of the church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Daniel Harvey of Evergreen, organist; duets by Mrs. Todd Moore, Miss Shana Harvey and Mr. Jodi Williams were accompanied by Mr. Williams on the piano. Selections included "Truly", "You and I", "This Love", and "Make Us One, Father".

The bride escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, wore an ivory chiffon gown with short puff sleeves and full skirt which was accented with a cummerbund and whirled into a chapel train. The high neckline and dropped shoulder yoke was accented with schiffle lace and pearls. Her matching hat was trimmed with venise lace and touched with pearls. The bride carried a cascade of roses, stephanotis, mini-carnations, baby's breath and philedendrons.

Miss Susan George of Appomattox was maid of honor. She wore a gown of raspberry taffeta with puff sleeves and a fitted bodice. Her full skirt consisted of a cummerbund at the waistline. She carried a bouquet of pink mini-carnations, stephanotis and baby's breath.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Donald Harvey of Appomattox, sister-in-law of the groom; Mrs. Todd Moore of Appomattox; Miss Vanessa Smith of Spout Spring; and Miss Diann Harvey of Evergreen, sister of the groom. Their gowns were identical to that of the honor attendant and their bouquets were identical.

Mr. William A. Harvey was his son's best man. Ushers were Mr. Phillip Paulette of Pamplin, cousin of the bridegroom; Mr. Donald Harvey of Appomattox, brother of the groom; Mr. Michael Lewis of Appomattox; and Mr. Phillip Bollinger of Evergreen, brother of the bride.

Miss Shana Harvey of Spout Spring and Miss Shanon Herman of Pell City, Alabama, sister of the bride were junior bridesmaids. They wore matching gowns of raspberry taffeta with puff sleeves, a high neckline and full skirt with a cummerbund at the waist which tied into a bow in the back. They carried miniature bouquets similiar to those of the bridesmaids.

Honored guest included Mrs. Violet Edmonds, maternal grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Edith Bollinger, paternal grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Pearl Wilson, maternal grandmother of the groom; and Mrs. Odelle Harvey, paternal grandmother of the groom.

Mrs. Alice Yeatts of Crewe was mistress of ceremonies. Attending the guest register was Mrs. Dreama McDaniel, aunt of the bride and programs were distributed by Mrs. Peggy Roach, cousin of the bride.

Mrs. Herman chose a lavender gown with white lace for her daughter's wedding and, Mrs. Bollinger wore a gown of dusty rose. They wore corsages of contrasting cymbidium orchids.

Mrs. Harvey, mother of the groom wore a mauve gown and corsage of contrasting cymbidium orchids.

Following the ceremony, the parents of the bride entertained with a reception in the church Social Hall. Mrs. Virginia Hancock and Mrs. Patsy G. Moore, both of Appomattox, were in charge of the reception. They were assisted by Mrs. Ida H. Campbell, Mrs. Donna Johnson, Mrs. Alice Thomas, Mrs. Peggy Staples, and Mrs. June Taylor.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and employed by Dr. Larry F. Smith of Appomattox.

The bridegroom also is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and employed with Ranson Electric Inc., Evergreen.

For her trousseau, the bride chose a lavender suit with a pale lavender blouse and a bow tie around her neck. She wore a single cymbidium orchid corsage.

Following the honeymoon, the couple will reside in Appomattox.

Angolias announce birth

Mr. and Mrs. William Angolia of Houston, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, William Frederick Angolia, Jr. The blessed event took place on March 16, 1983 at Citizens General Hospital in Houston, TX.

Mrs. Angolia is the former Diane Alease Parsons of Concord, Va.

Maternal grandparents are Isaac and Alease Parsons of Concord.

Paternal grandparents are Winnifred Angolia of Washington, DC and the late Carl Angolia, Sr.

Amos couple entertains

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Amos of Dillwyn entertained with an after rehearsal party on Friday evening, March 25 in the Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall honoring their son, Mr. James Gordon Amos and Miss Jeanne Marie Nash.

A color scheme in keeping with the wedding colors was used on the refreshment table and throughout the room.

The wedding of Miss Nash, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Nash of Appomattox to Mr. Amos, was an event of March 26 at seven o'clock in the evening at the Memorial United Methodist Church.

Reception set

The children of Billy and Becky Shorter extend a cordial invitation to all friends and relatives to a reception honoring their parents' 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 10 from two until five o'clock in the afternoon at the Woodmen of the World Building.

McDowell to speak

The Rev. Elton McDowell will be guest evangelist at Yellow Branch Baptist Church revival services this Sunday at 11 a.m., and each evening through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

A deacon of the church will lead each of the services, and the deacons will be in charge of all revival promotion activities.

There will be guest music at each service and a nursery will be provided.

Gospel quartet slated

The Three-In-One Gospel Quartet will appear in concert at the Reedy Spring Baptist Church, the Rev. Jim Kerr, Pastor, on Sunday, April 10 at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The public is invited to attend.

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